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1. A general geological survey of Bulgaria is being directed by Strashimir Dimitrov, Vasil Tsankov, and Bonchev (fnu). The soil survey of Bulgaria is conducted by a Ministry and not by BAN (Bulgarian Academy of Sciences).
  2. The original survey of the Kramikovtsi Monastery area, Fifth Rayon, Sofia City, was made by Soviet geologists who found nothing of interest there. However, some time later a group of Bulgarians discovered iron deposits here and "were very apologetic about it because it is not an easy matter to prove the Soviets wrong". The new mines will be operated by Bulgarians and the ore will be used by Bulgarian industry. In general there is a new tendency to keep more of the natural resources for local use".
  3. The uranium mines at Yana (4244N 2334E) (better known as the Bukhove Mines) are operated by Bulgarians, but the raw ore, which is poor in uranium content, is shipped to the USSR. Because of the strict Soviet control of the mines, even well-placed Bulgarian scientists are ignorant as to the true quality of the ore.
1. Comment. Probably the Ministry of Heavy Industry, which includes an Administration of Geological and Mine Surveys (Upravlenie za Geoloski i Minni Prouchvaniya).

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